

REMARKS

The applicant has received and reviewed the Office Action dated April 1, 2003 wherein the Office objected to the drawings and objected to claims 1-10 under 37 CFR 1.75 as being indefinite due to the applicant's use of the phrase "of a type" but indicated that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Office's objection.

In response to the Office's above objection to the claims, applicant has rewritten the claims per the Office's suggestion. More specifically, applicant has rewritten independent claim 1 to remove the phrase "of a type."

Since the Office indicated on page 2, lines 10-11 of the office action that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Office's above objection, it is respectfully submitted, per the above amendments to the claims, that the claims are now in allowable form.

In regards to the applicant's drawings, Figure 1 of the drawings was objected to by the Draftsperson due to excessive copy machine markings and poor line quality. The applicant contacted the Draftsperson on May 21, 2003 during which the Office's Draftsperson suggested that applicant submit a clean copy of Figure 1 to the Draftsperson for approval. Per the Draftsperson's suggestion, a clean copy of Figure 1 of the applicant's drawing was sent to the Draftsperson. Enclosed please find a copy of the drawing that was sent to the Draftsperson.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 1-10, as amended, is respectfully requested. Applicant has enclosed a marked-up version of the amendment showing changes made with this response.

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VERSION OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING MARKINGS

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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An free-piston internal combustion engine [of a type] having at least one pair of longitudinal opposed cylinders with electricity generating stator means fixed relative thereto, respective pistons arranged in said cylinders for cycles of reciprocating compression and power strokes, inlet valve means for introducing air or a fuel mixture into said cylinders prior to said compression stroke, outlet valve means for the expulsion of exhaust gas following said power stroke and said pistons being linked together with a linear actuator for movement therewith whereby during operation of said engine the reciprocating strokes of said pistons and linear actuator with respect to said stator means generates usable electrical energy and said inlet valve means being located in said pistons and comprising a portion of the heads thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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